

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1 of the Specification, before line 3, please enter the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/836,948, filed April 18, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Please amend the full paragraph beginning on page 4, lines 15 through 31, and ending on page 5, lines 1 through 6, to read as follows:

The present invention includes a rail clip **14** for seat bases **44** as shown in Figure **1**. The rail clip **14** includes a row of integrated hooks **16** formed from tabs extending from, and spaced along, one edge of an elongated, angled body **24**. The body **24** comprises a generally planar horizontal leg **25** and a generally planar vertical leg **26**. The hooks **16** are formed along a free edge of the horizontal leg **25**, i.e., the opposite edge from that to which the vertical leg **26** is joined. The vertical leg **26** includes holes **21** for fasteners, and the horizontal leg **25** likewise includes holes **22** for fasteners. Each elongate rail and the hooks **16** and **17** thereon comprise a monolithic structure formed from a single piece of material. The rail clip **14** along with a second rail clip **15**, a frame **11** and a plurality of springs **18** form a seat base **10** as shown in Figure **3**. The first rail clip **14** is attached to a first frame member **12** of the frame **11** using wood screws, nails or other fastening devices inserted through the holes **21** and/or **22** defined in the body **24**. Similarly, the second elongate rail clip **15** is attached to the second frame member **13** so that the rail hooks **16** on the first frame member are aligned with a row of rail hooks **17** on the second frame member **13**. The spaced distance between the first frame member **12** and the second frame member **13** defines a seating area upon which a sofa cushion (not shown) or other similar seating material is placed for the seating comfort of the seat user. The seating area is spanned by the plurality of springs **18** that are connected between matching pairs of rail hooks **16** and **17** on rail clips **14** and **15**. The springs **18** are attached so that they are stretched in tension between the opposing first and

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second rail clips **14** and **15**, such that a resilient structure is formed for supporting the furniture seat.